

## SENATE RESOLUTION 231

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Holland for his nomination as Jefferson County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute our superlative educators who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, one such extraordinary educator is David Holland, a teacher and coach at Jefferson County High School who was nominated by his peers as Jefferson County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, originally seeking to become a professional baseball player, a Christian missionary, and a preacher, Coach Holland fell in love with teaching, as it combined all three of his passions; and

WHEREAS, David Holland graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1965 with a degree in psychology and a minor in Bible, earned a Master in Health and Safety degree from the University of Tennessee, and gained a Master in Education degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Coach Holland began his forty-two year teaching career at Rush Strong High School and went on to teach at Maury and White Pine high schools before moving into his current position at Jefferson County High School; and

WHEREAS, he has taught a variety of subjects, including geography, civics, social studies, and English; he currently teaches psychology and sociology, in addition to summer courses of driver's education; and

WHEREAS, David Holland has served in a variety of other roles at Jefferson County High School, standing as the sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club, serving on

the emergency response team for the high school, and donating his time as a substitute bus driver; and

WHEREAS, Coach Holland has coached several baseball teams during his forty-two-year career, including an impressive twenty-four-year term as Jefferson County High's baseball coach; he currently coaches a Little League team, offering his vast knowledge and deep understanding of America's favorite pastime to his young players; and

WHEREAS, Coach Holland is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates his students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at Jefferson County, Coach Holland still finds time to lend his incredible talents to such notable causes as the Dandridge Volunteer Fire Department, which he serves as a Chaplain, the American Red Cross, and the Jefferson County Rescue Squad, which he serves as a First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, David Holland epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his deeply-held, Christian beliefs as an active and devout member of Dandridge First Baptist, which he faithfully serves as a member of the choir and the disaster relief team; he is also licensed by the Baptist Church as a minister; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Coach Holland is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, David Holland is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish him and is tremendously admired by students and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, David Holland is the perfect example of a person wholly committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and he is wholly deserving of recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Coach David Holland for his nomination as the Jefferson County Teacher of the Year, salute his expertise and dedication as an educator, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.